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Food Blockade Of Batavia

BATAVIA, DEC. 6. THE INDONESIANS IN THE BATAVIA AREA ARE GRADUALLY ENFORCING THE RIGID FOOD BLOCKADE OF THE CITY, AND IT IS BECOMING EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR EUROPEANS TO BUY FOOD IN THE MARKETS. MOST EUROPEANS ARE NOW LIVING ON ARMY RATIONS, BUT CHINESE RESTAURANT PROPRIETORS ARE MOSTLY IGNORING THE WARNINGS NOT TO SUPPLY MEALS TO THE ALLIED TROOPS.

Bevin's Blunt Language

LONDON, DEC. 6. FOREIGN SECRETARY ERNEST BEVIN DECLARED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FRANCO REGIME IN SPAIN HAS NOT CHANGED. "WE DEFEST THE REGIME," HE SAID BLUNTLY. His statement was in response to a question whether the recent acceptance by Britain of a new Spanish Airline was not in fact a tacit recognition of the Franco regime. "The Franco regime is giving political support to Spain's fascist dictatorship," he said. "It was not merely the man but the whole regime with which we had no sympathy," he said. Bevin acknowledged that the treaty of the Spanish Republic, previously suspended after representations by the British Air Force, would be resumed shortly. "His Majesty's Ambassador has reported that he has good reason to believe that the death penalty in case of those cases is most unlikely," Bevin asserted. "He will, of course, continue to watch this matter closely." Associated Press.

U.S. Seeking Trade Pacts

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. The United States State Department is understood to seek as quickly as possible a world-wide series of trade pacts. The countries named are: Soviet Russia, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Cuba and France. Having tied up these agreements, Washington proposes a trade conference in the Spring to prepare the way for a big international meeting later on world economic co-operation. The latest trade reports received by Reuters in Washington indicate that a French Economic Mission will leave France for Washington shortly to negotiate substantial commercial credits in addition to a new loan. — Reuters.

First Move To Nanking

CHUNGKING, DEC. 6. A Cabinet spokesman said today that China's Executive Yuan would meet in Nanking after December 15. The spokesman, Mr. P. H. Chang, added that Premier T. V. Soong planned to move to the former capital and that personnel from the various Ministries would be established in Nanking within ten days, although the Government would remain in Chungking. Some 1,500 Government workers will be flown to Nanking before December 15, Chang said. — Associated Press.

JUST ANOTHER RUMOUR

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. The White House today said flatly that President Truman has no intention of attending the Foreign Secretaries' Conference in London. The British Press Association had earlier quoted the United Nations Preparatory Commission delegates as saying that Truman might attend the January meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China. — Associated Press.

LONDON, DEC. 6. The United Nations Preparatory Commission has agreed to the continuation of the Economic and Social Council of the New World Organisation of the League of Nations Optum Section. — Reuters.

KONOYE'S ARREST ORDERED

TOKYO, DEC. 6. General MacArthur today ordered the arrest of Prince Fumimaro Kono, three times Premier of Japan, and of Marquis Kido, the Emperor's right-hand man throughout the war, and seven others as war criminal suspects. — Associated Press.

CHIANG'S APPEALS TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK TODAY HEARD THAT ON OCTOBER 28, 1941, CHIANG KAI-SHEK PLEADED THAT A HIGH RANKING AMERICAN OFFICER BE SENT TO CHINA TO TAKE OVER HIS AIR FORCE. The Generalissimo's plea was to Washington included a plea that the British and American air forces be thrown into combat with the Japanese. Also on record was a direct appeal from Chiang Kai-shek to President Roosevelt on November 2, 1941, asking the United States to draw on its air arm in the Philippines to provide an active unit or reserve force to defend Kunning and the Burma Road. Chiang said: "I am convinced that unless Japan is checked sharply and at once she will be on the verge of a winning position from which she can deal with each of us separately in her own time." On November 5, 1941, the American army and navy chiefs discounted the Japanese chances for success then in the offensive against Kunning and the Burma Road. — Associated Press.

PUTRA AN BRIZILS PRESIDENT

SAN PAULO, BRAZIL, DEC. 6. An All-Brazil count of the recent presidential election returns gives General Dutra (Social Democrat) 344,000 votes, Brigadier Eduardo Gomes (National Democratic Union) 239,000, Mr. Yeddo Figueira (Communist) 109,000, and Mario Telles (National Agrarian) 3,000. — Reuters.

Goering's Threat To Czechs

MUNICH, DEC. 6. HERMANN GOERING SHATTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LAST WILL TO RESIST HITLER'S WAR MACHINE WITH AN ULTIMATUM THAT "HALF OF PRAGUE WILL LIE IN RUINS FROM AERIAL BOMBARDMENT WITHIN TWO HOURS" THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL WAS TOLD TODAY. THE AMERICAN PROSECUTORS AT THE TRIAL OF GOERING AND 19 OTHER NAZI LEADERS ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES LAID BEFORE THE COURT OFFICIAL GERMAN RECORDS AND PRESS AND BRITISH DIPLOMATIC REPORTS DISCLOSED THE HITLER PATTERN OF THREATS, TREACHERY AND BROKEN PROMISES THAT CRUSHED THE CZECHS ONLY FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE MUNICH PACT.

The prosecution disclosed how the Czech President, Emil Hacha, was imperiously summoned to Berlin by Hitler before German troops marched across the border on March 14, 1939, and was told that Prague would be bombed if the Czechs fired on the Nazis. Under pressure, German records showed, Hacha finally gave in and the next morning the Germans poured over the border without opposition. The Deputy British Prosecutor, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, resumed the British case by dealing with the first 15 of the 69 international agreements and treaties which were flouted by the Nazis between 1935 and 1941. When Sir David read the naval limitations of the Versailles Treaty, Admiral Doenitz, director of Germany's ruthless U-boat war until he assumed the over-all command of the Reich Navy, sat smiling, and his smile broadened as he leaned forward to speak to Goering when the ban on German submarines, even on building for commercial purposes, was mentioned. Goering, too, apparently enjoyed the "joke."

DAILY EXPRESS HEADLINE Dr. Fritz Sauter, Ribbentrop's counsel, said today that the former Nazi Ambassador in London is working over-time on the list of questions that he hopes to send Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Kennedy by the week-end. "I cannot disclose the exact questions, but they are designed to elicit answers that will show Ribbentrop is guiltless of any charge of conspiring to wage an aggressive war," counsel said. "He is confident that all the questions will be answered without reservation and that the answers will play an important part in his defence." Ribbentrop was said to be framing a question on the "Daily Express" headline "There will be no war," in the hope of proving that his attempts to prevent war had been so great that such a headline was justified. — Associated Press and Reuters.

THE WEATHER

Today's weather forecast: Light winds, fair to fine; mild. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum: 77 degrees at 2 p.m. Minimum: 64 degrees at 3.30 a.m.

CANTON STILL A BIT FIDGETY

TENSION OVER THE COMMUNIST SITUATION IN THE CANTON AREA WAS INTENSIFIED DURING THE PAST WEEK BY SEVERAL INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A THREAT OF "AN AMERICAN BLOOD PURGE." THE WARNING WAS DELIVERED TO THE AMERICAN OPERATED AIRFIELD IN AN ANONYMOUS NOTE, IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THE THREAT WAS NOT TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY ALTHOUGH SOME PRECAUTIONARY STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF ISOLATED INCIDENTS.

Chinese army guards were increased around the airfield with mounted machineguns to assure protection of installations, aircraft and large supplies of aviation gasoline. The commanding officer of the army air transport command imposed a rule against A.T.C. personnel remaining in Canton city proper after dark, "just to minimize the chance of trouble." The approximately 100 American military personnel in Canton are billeted in the European settlement on Shamshu Island, separated from the city by a creek but connected by several bridges.

A rifle bullet hit the air transport command headquarters building over the heads of four Americans Tuesday, but officers refused to speculate on whether it was intentional or a stray shot. They said shooting is frequent in the city from target practice of the American-trained and equipped First Army, which now is garrisoning Canton.

There are no armed American units in Canton. The Americans said armed Chinese troops were placed in guard a few nights ago around an outlying building in which Americans were observing the opening of the consulate, but there were no incidents. They seem to view the situation with good humour instead of gravity.

RUMOURS RIFE

Rumours have been rife of tension in Canton over reported Communist infiltrations and minor raids by irregulars along railroad line supply posts. Some of the Americans said two truckloads of wounded Chinese soldiers were brought into Canton a few nights ago. They said the Chinese military was very hush-hush about it and they didn't know any details, but they said they didn't hear any shooting in Canton.

However, shortly afterward several troops stayed several nights in Canton, circling a city block while the search proceeded.

Military patrols on streets have been increased. One of the fiercest said machineguns recently were established at each end of the bridge to Honam Island, where Japanese prisoners of war are interned.

For several days last week the curfew was advanced from 11 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Hong Kong visitors reported, and the military picked up after-curfew loiterers for questioning. The curfew now has been returned to 11 p.m.

Land Dealings Possible

BY PROCLAMATION NO. 6, THE MORATORIUM PROCLAMATION, "DEALINGS IN LAND, EXCEPT SUCH AS WERE GIVEN EXEMPTION, WERE PROHIBITED." By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, the exemptions have been extended to leases or tenancies for any term or any agreement for the granting of the same, save in cases where the title of the Crown lease has been affected during the period of the Japanese occupation, either by way of assignment or mortgage or other charge in any other way whatsoever not specifically stated in the said order. "Up till now, leases or tenancy agreements could only be made for terms not exceeding one year."

ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN AGREEMENT REACHED

LONDON, DEC. 6. THE SIGNING OF THE ANGLO-UNITED STATES LOAN AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON THIS MORNING. AFTER TWELVE WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, BRITAIN IS TO RECEIVE A UNITED STATES LOAN OF \$4,400,000,000. THE NEGOTIATORS AGREED ON THE TERMS OF THE LOAN LAST NIGHT AFTER FINAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING POINTS OF DETAIL.

An official announcement will, it is believed, be made to-night.

although there is a possibility that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will make an announcement on the results of the negotiations when the House of Commons meets to-day.

The British delegation is going on to Ottawa to seek a further credit from Canada.

It is suggested in Washington that the loan sought will be of about \$3,000,000 Sterling. Washington also learns that Moscow circles expect that once the Anglo-American loan talks are completed, large United States credits for Russia will come up for consideration.

SOVIET EXPECTATIONS Mr. Eric Downton, Reuters' correspondent in Moscow, mentions similar expectations in the Soviet capital, adding that when the members of the United States Committee on Post-war Economic Policy and Planning saw M. Stalin recently in Moscow, they were reported to have touched on the subject of credits and the Generalissimo was "most interested," according to United States sources. No public reference was ever made in Moscow to the possibility of such assistance from America. — Reuters.

YAMASHITA'S DEATH DOUBT

MANILA, DEC. 6. The Chief Prosecutor in the trial of Lieut.-General Yamashita, Major Robert M. Murray, asserted yesterday that "there was no doubt of Yamashita's responsibility and negligence in the Japanese atrocities committed in Manila." "In view of the aggravated nature of the crimes and in view of the measure of the crimes we recommend that sentence of death be carried out by hanging."

The Military Commission said its decision would be announced on Friday. Associated Press.

Claire Luce Debunks Delay

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. CLARE BOOTH LUCE, REPUBLICAN OF CONNECTICUT, TODAY ACCUSED REPRESENTATIVE HUGH DELACY, DEMOCRAT OF WASHINGTON, OF PRESENTING AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ERRORS IN HIS RECENT HOUSE SPEECH ON THE PART PLAYED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN THE WAR. QUOTING DELACY AS SAYING THAT JAPANESE WERE DISARMED MORE QUICKLY IN CHINA AREA WHERE THE COMMUNIST-LED TROOPS WERE STRONG, LUCE TOLD THE HOUSE:

"Any one who takes the trouble to look at the map of China will see that on V-J Day the Japanese occupied in China, not counting Manchuria, at least 50 cities of populations of 100,000 or more."

"Three months later the Communists had succeeded in recovering exactly one of these cities—Chongqing—while Government forces, in some cases with American help, had taken over all the other cities and disarmed at least two-thirds of all the Japanese soldiers in China."

Asserting that "another Communist lie is that they did a better job during the war than Chiang Kai-shek's forces," Luce added: "This can be punctured with grim figures."

"The Japanese audit shows upwards of 2,000,000 killed and wounded in China and the Communists know they would be laughed at if they claimed as many as 200,000 Japanese casualties." — Associated Press.

Communists Want Democratic Coalition

YENAN, DEC. 6. LU SHAO-CHI, A HIGH CHINESE COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS OPPOSED TO THE RUSSIAN STYLE OF COMMUNISM IN CHINA AND THAT ITS FIRST CONCERN WAS THE FOUNDING OF A DEMOCRATIC COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA. LU TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE PARTY WAS ANXIOUS FOR A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT EVEN IF THE FORTHCOMING PEACE TALKS IN CHUNGKING FAIL.

General Chu Teh, Communist Commander-in-Chief, told reporters that the Communists did not dispute the Central Government's sovereignty over Manchuria "but we want a government there based on democratic principles." "Lu said that his party believed China could best revive under a long period of political

and economic democracy with capitalist incentive in economic development.

Lu asserted that the Communists favour the turning over of Japanese holdings in Manchuria to private capital, except railroads and big mines, which would operate under State control. — Associated Press.

Refusing Taxes!

VIENNA, DEC. 6. For the first time in history, the Austrian Exchequer is refusing to accept taxes. The people in Vienna are queuing up to pay tax next year's taxes because under a new law the present Austrian currency will be invalid after December 20. Black-market dealers in particular are attempting to unload enormous sums for which they cannot account. — Reuters.

BYRNES WARNS FRANCE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BYRNES WARNED FRANCE YESTERDAY THAT IF SHE CONTINUES TO OPPOSE MEASURES FOR CENTRALISATION OF CONTROL IN GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE WILLING TO ESTABLISH CENTRALISATION MEASURES IN THE RUSSIAN, BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES, LEAVING FRANCE OUT.

The development came on the heels of recent official reports citing the French attitude as one of the major hurdles to working out an efficient occupation policy in Germany.

Byrnes mentioned centralisation of transportation and currency control in the three occupation zones as major needs. He said the United States might suggest action without France if the French representative on the Allied control council continues to block action and the unwillingness to determine first whether the Ruhr and Rhine land are to be separated from Germany. — Associated Press.

Seven More To Be Arrested

TOKYO, DEC. 6. Seven war criminal suspects listed by Gen. MacArthur today include Vice-Admiral Takao Goto, unofficial envoy to Germany to present Japan's side of the story of the China incident, Shogoro Odato, Political economist, Takera Ogata, Vice President of the Tokyo newspaper "Asahi," Viscount Masatoshi Okochi, industrialist, Lieut.-General Hiroshi Oshima, Japanese Ambassador to Germany since 1938, who arrived in Japan to-day, Count Tademasu Sakai, member of the House of Peers and Yasuhiro Suma, ex-counselor of the Japanese Embassy in Washington. Konoye, whose arrest was first ordered, was Premier at the time of the China incident and held the post for the last time just before the Pearl Harbor attack. Recently he had been reported active in preparing a constitution for Japan and asserted that he was doing the work at the request of General MacArthur, although MacArthur denied this. Kido, who held the recently abolished post of Keeper of the Privy Seal, was Hirohito's closest adviser and helped elevate to office such Premiers as Tojo. — Associated Press.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. The Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, disclosed today that the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine will have 11 members—six British and five American. — Reuters.

CAIRO, DEC. 6. Egyptian elder statesmen are authoritatively reported to have decided to ask the Egyptian Cabinet to start negotiations immediately for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. — Reuters.

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Civil Affairs

The inadequate practical application of the new Proclamation of the Government of Hong Kong has not been of great consequence. Admiral Harcourt reserves to himself the power to issue new orders, and presumably the power of veto, but with that proviso His Excellency now delegates all governmental authority to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, and in so doing, pays a high tribute by implication to the rehabilitation achievements of Brigadier J. M. Macdonnell, and his principal assistants. The set-up underlines no important change in relation to the community at large, as far as we can see, and the situation of authority, in the C.A.O.'s, to the re-establishment of civil government, is amply understood. In any case, it is doubtful whether the Colony is by any means ready for such a change over, and it is quite certain that the administration is not. There remains much to be done that can be more smoothly and swiftly accomplished by executive decision and action, and a few months' extension of a benevolent dictatorship will do the Colony no harm. As we have said before, and it scarcely needs emphasis, Hong Kong will not readily acquiesce in an attempt at reconstitution of the worn-out governmental machine which let us down so badly in 1941. A radical reform of the administrative system is essential, with provision for giving the people of Hong Kong a greater voice in public affairs. To my mind on this point would be to go over old ground, but it is perhaps necessary to repeat that it is desirable, before civil government is re-established, that the framework of the new constitution be clearly defined. The civil administration that will take over the Colony can be built up to fit within it.

Our Ex-Internees

If there be any confusion about the point and purpose of the publicity given by the "China Mail" to the treatment accorded Hong Kong ex-internees on their arrival in England, it is as well that it should be cleared up. The tremendous burdens of the people of the British Isles, and the heavy sacrifices that have been demanded of them, and are still being demanded, are beyond question. To lose sight of these things would also be to lose all sense of perspective. But the facts remain, and that which stands out starkly clear is that it was the declared official policy to remove as many internees from Hong Kong as possible and that definite promises were held out to induce the doubtful ones to go. If we are to believe our correspondents, the picture presented to internees of what they might expect to happen to them on their arrival in England was false in important particulars. Somebody was responsible for authorising the official statements and the official promises. "Go away for a holiday and come back reinvigorated and refreshed." "If you don't take advantage of the offer now, it will not be available to you later." But for the pressure put upon them by one method or another, many that left would have elected to stay. If, therefore, there are grounds for believing that the result has been disillusionment of a sort to justify genuine grievance, then it is appropriate to enquire as to the responsibility. It may have been done at this end, this presentation of every prison camp victim with a pair of rosy spectacles. But we find it difficult to get over the fact that Mr. D. M. Mann came here as the representative of the Colonial Office.

Four Months Search Ends In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, DEC. 6. A LONG LIST OF CHARGES HAS BEEN PREPARED AGAINST TOHORU MIKI, FORMER JAPANESE OFFICER WHO WAS ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI AFTER A FOUR-MONTH MAN-HUNT THAT CARRIED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO MANCHURIA, KOREA, JAPAN AND CENTRAL CHINA.

LOCKED UP BEHIND BARS IN SHANGHAI MIKI IS ACCUSED BY VETERANS OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH OF COUNTLESS INHUMAN ACTS DURING THE TIME HE SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HOTEL PRISON CAMP IN MANCHURIA.

The alleged crimes of Miki include starving prisoners, ready, weakened by beri beri and dysentery, mass punishment of groups of soldiers for fancied misdeeds, beating prisoners with bamboo clubs as large as two by four boards, forcing others to stand barefooted in bitter cold weather to witness punishment of other prisoners, or to be punished themselves. In addition, he is accused of confiscating mail, medical supplies, Red Cross food and clothing packages.

Miki is also alleged to have directed prison guards in forcing Americans to work in munitions plants without air raid protection from Allied bombers.

More than 200 American soldiers and Marines are estimated to have died at the Hotel camp from malnutrition and intestinal ailments.

MEET SUBMISSION. Miki, attired in civilian clothes, submitted weekly to representatives of the War Crimes Branch of the Theatre Judge Advocate Office at his home in the Hongkew District, where he had been living for

THE TRUE GLORY

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral C. H. J. Harcourt, is to attend the 9.15 p.m. premiere of "The True Glory" at the Queen's Theatre this evening.

"The True Glory" tells the story through the camera's eye of the conquest of Germany from the West from D-Day until the surrender.

Included in His Excellency's party will be Major-General F. W. Peatling, the G.O.C. Air Commodore W. A. D. Brooks, A.O.C., and Brigadier D. M. Macdonnell, C.C.A.O. The whole of the proceeds of the performance will go to the Commander-in-Chief's Distress Fund.

SOUVENIR CALENDAR

An interesting calendar for 1946 has just appeared in print published by the "New Hongkong Mirror," whose publisher is Mr. D. C. Baptista.

The new calendar presents a special feature in the way of several illustrations of the Japanese surrender in the several theatres of the Far East, a photograph of wrecked Hamburg seen from the air, breaking of the Union Jack in Berlin, Hongkong Victory Celebrations, etc., which is expected shortly in Hongkong bringing the C.I.C. of the British Pacific Fleet, Sir Bruce Fraser, appears on the last page of the calendar.

TRY AGAIN—ELSEWHERE

Appearing again before Lt. Nigel yesterday, Yuen Yuk, twice deported, but who persisted in returning to the Colony, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, at the end of which he will again be deported.

Accused said: "This is a new world; you must give me a chance to wipe out the past and start a new life in this Colony. This heavy sentence will prevent me forever from making good again." The magistrate replied: "You have had six previous convictions and still expect me to believe you? The world is a big place but Hong Kong is a small place. You must start your new life elsewhere."

SERVICE CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

Tokyo, Dec. 6. American Army and Navy leaders of the Far East are gathering here to confer on demobilisation, repatriation and occupation problems. The conference includes Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander in China; Admiral Raymond Spruance, Pacific Fleet chief, and Vice-Admiral Daniel Barbou, commander of the Seventh Fleet along the China and Korean coasts.—Associated Press.

Chung Choy, a painter, was admitted to the Netherland Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from injuries sustained when he fell from the second floor of No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central, while doing a job.

Lee Chung, shop-keeper, charged with the unlawful possession of 528 tins of evaporated milk and 48 tins of salmon was fined \$25 by Lt. Nigel yesterday morning. The goods were ordered to be confiscated and restored to the Military Authorities.

Racket Stopped

The authorities have clamped down on the railway ticket racket, and racketeers who have been selling tickets to passengers at N.C.\$6,000 odd are lying low, following the arrest of two of their number.

The railway administration has now opened seven booths for the sale of tickets, opening at 4.30 a.m. Those who buy tickets must have them checked off by an identification mark, and passengers must not leave the platform once they have bought tickets. Every one is now able to buy a ticket, so long as the limit of 1,100 for Kowloon and about 150 for intermediate points are not exceeded.

At about 8 a.m. last night four men, two armed with revolvers and another with a pair of scissors, entered the Po Yu money-changers at No. 300, Shanghai Street, and stole N.C.\$170,000, H.K.\$700 and U.S.\$20.

READERS' LETTERS

THE SOCIAL EVIL

Sir, I have read, with considerable interest, the letter by "Purity" which appeared in your issue of 3rd inst., and heartily agree with him that sex should be taken to eliminate the risks to which Servicemen are being exposed as a result of the lack of control over the prostitution evil. The social evil has always been a major problem in Hong Kong since the closing down of licensed houses nearly 20 years ago. With the rebirth of Hong Kong as it were, consideration should be given to the question of eradicating from our midst street-walkers whose presence has not only brought Hong Kong into disrepute in the past, but has caused much misery and suffering to many a young man, whose home for a brilliant career in the Army or Navy has been blighted in consequence of a moment's folly.

I know that there are hypocrites who go about with a sanctimonious look on their faces, throw up their hands in horror at the mention of establishing licensed houses and who roundly condemn Servicemen for visiting prostitutes, little realising that Servicemen, like themselves, are human after all. The only difference between the Serviceman and the hypocrite is that while the Serviceman visits a prostitute openly, the hypocrite, under a cloak of false respectability, keeps a mistress or paramour who is visited in secret. As one who has worked for many years in the midst of Servicemen and who has come to admire them for their happy-go-lucky attitude, I have no hesitation in stating that the majority of Servicemen consider themselves too good to mix with prostitutes, is killing. Far from their own kith and kin and with only their own comrades to converse with day in and day out, the lot of the Serviceman in Hong Kong is most unenviable. It is the quest for distraction and to escape the feeling of loneliness that the Serviceman falls an easy prey. As I see it, there are two solutions to the problem:

The first one is that the civilian population change its attitude one foster an atmosphere of sincere cordiality and friendship towards Servicemen and work out ways and means whereby to provide them with clean and healthy recreation, good books and the companionship of people whose presence will serve to inspire and uplift.

If the foregoing solution is not suitable to the civilian palate, then the only other solution appears to lie in the establishing of licensed houses where the inmates can be regularly examined by a Government Medical Officer as was the practice heretofore. KOOKABURRA.

INTERNEE'S THANKS

Sir,—As the last group of ex-Weihai internees to leave Hong Kong, may we be permitted to express our thanks to the various organisations and individuals who have contributed so much to our happiness here.

R.A.P.W.I., N.A.A.F.I., British Red Cross at Hong Kong and Kowloon, and others have all cared for our welfare in a generous manner providing comfortable quarters and many amenities including planes and tea. Nor do we forget the wonderful way in which the men of the services have jumped and trucked us all over the place.

Having had so many benefits, we pray that this tank of human kindness—of which we have drunk so deeply in recent months—may yet become the world's favourite beverage!

With all good wishes for the future of this Colony. Gratefully, INTERNEE.

IN APPRECIATION

Sir, In reply to Major Brennan's letter regarding seating accommodation at E.N.S.A. shows, firstly, I do appreciate the fact that E.N.S.A. are doing their utmost to bring to the Services here as much entertainment as possible. But I still do not understand why officers of any service should have reserved seats at any performance. I know that the Star Theatre is under conversion to a Garrison Theatre and can see that the work is progressing as rapidly as possible.

The letter by 'Nay Malum' which is supposed to be a reply to mine, has no connection whatsoever with the subject to be discussed. If 'Nay Malum' is trying to show how much entertainment was available in Burma, may I bring to his notice that I was there too, and know what was to be had.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation of how much E.N.S.A. has done and is still doing for the Forces.

CHOCKERED.

Sir,—'Chockered,' author of 'Back Row Joe,' used the words 'Anglo-Indian "soldiers"' in his letter, and apart from putting the word soldiers in inverted commas, he followed it up with a Question Mark, would he oblige me by explaining the insinuation? ANGLO-INDIAN.

On and about December 11, the export of salt will be permitted. Exporters must obtain permits from the Controller of Supplies, Transport and Industries.

Coming out of a cave carrying eleven moulds and a bag of gun charge weighing 27 lbs. Lo Wing was arrested on Wednesday by L.A.C. Brian, in Kadoorie Avenue. Charged yesterday, accused pleaded not guilty and said that the moulds were lying around to be picked up. He was sentenced to 6 weeks hard labour.

Communists Offer No Real Resistance

CHINHSIEN, MANCHURIA, DEC. 6. CHIANG'S STRUGGLE TO REGAIN FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THE MANCHURIAN PROVINCES OCCUPIED BY JAPAN FOR 14 YEARS HAS BECOME LARGELY A BATTLE OF SUPPLY LINES. LEADERS OF THE NATIONALIST ARMIES ARE PLODGING SLOWLY TOWARD MUKDEN ALMOST TEMPTUOUS OF THE RESISTANCE BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

Despite repeated forecasts of large-scale civil war in Manchuria no major conflicts have materialised. It is doubtful if the two Nationalist spearheads now on the march have lost 100 men in battle since they crossed the Great Wall.

They have registered large gains at all cost because the Communists were unable to make a stand in strength.

This is the Nationalist view of the situation now, as expressed by Professor Yu Hsi-chung, Secretary-General and Political Adviser to Lieut.-General Tu Yu-ming, Commander of the Nationalist forces in Manchuria.

"Manchuria is not a good breeding ground for the Communists. It is true that in some sections of China the Communists have enlisted support among small farmers who complain against high local taxes."

"We found that most of our resistance comes from Communist officers from North China sent in to take their own

KWANGTUNG GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Although official confirmation is lacking, it is reliably reported that General Lo Chuei-ying, Provincial Governor of Kwangtung, is shortly paying an official visit to Hong Kong. The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and other organisations are understood to be making preliminary arrangements for a public reception.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S DELAY

LATEST ADVICES INDICATE THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT GRANT WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ABOUT DECEMBER 16. THE DELAY IS DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AND TO THE FACT THAT CONDITIONS IN SHANGHAI ARE FAR FROM BEING NORMAL, RESULTING IN DELAY IN CROSSING AND LOADING.

There being little or no restrictions on imports into China, the vessel has a large cargo for discharge at Shanghai.

The cargo for Hongkong is limited by exchange restrictions which were in effect when the vessel left San Francisco on November 17th, which restrictions have since been largely eased.

The Agents have advised which indicate that the cargo from the U.S. for Hongkong, consists largely of foodstuffs. Among the listed imports are flour, rolled oats, macaroni, spaghetti, tinned goods, powdered milk, liquor, ginseng, fresh apples, oranges, potatoes, and some general cargo.

The American President Lines, owners of the vessel, state that the s.s. "President Grant" is expected to leave Shanghai for Hongkong on December 11. The date of arrival at Hongkong is not certain, but will probably be December 16.

On arrival here, the vessel will dock at one of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s piers, as in the past. The Wharf Co. and the Military and Civil Affairs Administrations have co-operated to the fullest extent to see that this first commercial cargo to be distributed through commercial channels, is given every facility.

DISCHARGE OF CARGO. For the convenience of consignees, the Agents advise that the discharge of cargo will be handled strictly by the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. and delivery will be made by the Wharf Company to the actual consignees at the Wharf Company's premises. Consignees will not, under any circumstances, be permitted on the Wharf Company's premises, or on the ship, but will take delivery of cargo directly from the Wharf Company.

In addition to cargo from U.S. there will be approximately 1000 tons of cargo from Shanghai, consisting of the usual type of intercoastal cargo, namely, foodstuffs. The vessel will load approximately 2,000 tons of cargo for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The s.s. "President Grant" will probably sail from Hongkong about December 20, but this date is subject to alteration.

Peanut Oil Goes Off Market

PRICE CONTROL HAS SUDDENLY CAUSED THE ALMOST COMPLETE DISAPPEARANCE OF PEANUT OIL FROM THE OPEN MARKET.

THE OFFICIAL PRICE IS \$1.60 A CATTY, AND YESTERDAY HOUSEWIVES TRUDGED THE STREETS IN VAIN, CARRYING EMPTY OIL BOTTLES, LOOKING FOR ANY EXPOSED FOR SALE.

If they spoke to shopkeepers, the reply was invariably "sold out."

A "China Mail" representative was informed that the wholesale price during the morning had risen to \$220 a picul, but that only a few merchants with stocks had made any sale. With this wholesale figure, it was obviously impossible for anyone to retail at the official price.

Reviewing developments in the peanut oil market, a dealer asserted that when the local price dropped to below \$100 a picul, this was actually below replacement cost. The continuous drop in price was due almost entirely to the fall in value of Chinese national currency. But when prices here touched bottom, not only did shippers stop making further shipments to Hong Kong but supplies were actually taken out of the Colony; and when Chinese national currency recovered somewhat in value, it was the signal for the market to begin an upward trend. Shippers in Swatow and other centres then found it worth while to send supplies again to Hong Kong.

SUPPLY SOURCES. But Government fixed the official retail price at \$1.60 a catty and dealers insist that it actually costs \$1.80 to replace.

It is also claimed that there is little likelihood of any appreciable drop in prices at supply centres, so that unless there occurs another phenomenal drop in the Chinese national dollar, Hong Kong may be for some time without fresh supplies.

It is argued that when the official price was fixed, adequate consideration was not given to the trend of prices at sources of supply.

Watchman Accused

AN ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS THREATENED BY A DISTRICT WATCHMAN TO ADMIT HIS GUILT WAS MADE BY POON NGAN-CHUEN BEFORE MR. C. Y. KWAN AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY.

Poon appeared on a charge of unlawful possession of two coils of electric wire and a lamp shade.

Defendant was arrested in Des Voeux Road Central. Inquiries found that he had stolen the articles from St. John's Cathedral. Defendant was sentenced to four weeks imprisonment with hard labour.

After the magistrate had imposed sentence and had proceeded with the next case there was a commotion below the prisoner's dock. Poon suddenly rushing out, claiming that he had been assaulted by the same watchman who had arrested him.

Mr. Kwan immediately adjourned the court to make personal inquiries, as the result of which Poon was sent to hospital for medical examination.

Two weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Li Kai by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for loitering in Main Street, Shaokwan, on Wednesday. Accused was seen loitering at about 10.30 p.m. and was arrested by a police constable who was on patrol duty. Sub-Inspector Brooks prosecuted.

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TORY ATTACK ON LABOUR POLICY

All Words And No Houses, Says Mr. Lyttelton

Sharp Reply By Stafford Cripps

LONDON, DEC. 6. IN THE CROWDED HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY MADE ITS FIRST FULL-SCALE ATTACK ON THE LABOUR PARTY'S DOMESTIC POLICY WHEN MR. OLIVER LYTTLETON, FORMER MINISTER OF PRODUCTION, MOVED A MOTION OF CENSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT. THE MOTION CHARGED IT WITH SUBORDINATING THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF DEMOBILISATION, HOUSING AND FINANCE TO LONG-TERM PLANS OF NATIONALISATION.

The debate will last two days; the climax coming to-day when Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, will speak.

Mr. Lyttelton said that he viewed with great anxiety the tendency for men in many industries to break away from the guidance of their trade unions. "I fear that under the system of nationalisation, the long established and well tried machinery of negotiations between employers and trade unions will be undermined and replaced by the dangerous expedient of men bringing direct pressure to bear on the Government," he said.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS

Criticising the controls over industry, Mr. Lyttelton said that at every turn the impulse to press forward was checked by a mass of regulations. The ineptitude, inefficiency and slowness of the Government's present policy was making itself felt everywhere. It was agreed that the shortage of labour was the principal impediment yet the rate of demobilisation of the armed forces was less than half of the comparable rate in the United States.

The Government's contribution to housing had so far been "all words" and no houses, asserted Mr. Clement Davis, leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, said that Mr. Lyttelton's speech turned out to be an indictment not of the Government but of Mr. Lyttelton and the previous Governments for their failure to prepare for an outbreak of peace.

The motion, he said, was wrong in its assumption, had in its timing and wrong in its conclusion. He was neither exhilarated nor frightened by the word "nationalisation." It was a matter of applying the best blend of solving a particular problem.

MR. CHURCHILL CRITICISED

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, replying for the Government, said that the censure was in fact not upon the Government but upon the electorate which had elected the Government.

He described Mr. Winston Churchill's recent speech to the Conservative Party as "irresponsible mischief-making." "I have seldom if ever read the outpourings of a disappointed politician which so misrepresented the facts of the situation," he said.

Sir Stafford Cripps said that nationalisation was not the end in itself but the means for more economic use of national services. The Government, he said, did not intend to direct labour as a permanent measure. Of course in the transition period, it might be necessary to continue certain controls for a certain time but ultimately the country must rely on the power of industry to attract labour. Other controls dealing with raw materials, prices etc. could be used to limit undesirable manufacture while there was, as he hoped there always would be, a shortage of labour in this country.

PLANNED EFFORT

The Government did not seek a rigid plan but one which would give effect without the extreme of compulsion. It was certain that British industry would not give the needed results unless developed along some planned line. Sir Stafford said that British exports had increased significantly in volume within the two months of the end of the war and the end of Lend-Lease.

She was now exporting 60 per cent of her 1938 volume of goods. Regarding economic controls, Sir Stafford said that the only people who would benefit by the complete lack of controls to-day were the profiteers and racketeers.

The idea that more controls were being imposed was a complete fallacy. Rationing would be retained as long as there was a necessity to ensure a fair division of goods in short supply. He said that the Labour Government would stimulate and

assist British industry to reach a high point of efficiency.

"SOCIALIST NOMINEES"

Sir Stafford Cripps had one clash with Mr. Churchill, who had referred in a recent speech to the "socialist nominees" on the working parties set up by Sir Stafford for the various British industries.

He asked: "Who are the Socialist nominees?" Mr. Churchill: "They all have been nominated by the Socialist Government."

Sir Stafford: "I thought that Mr. Churchill would choose that way out because I know he has not got any facts on which to base it. His intention was to suggest that they were political nominees."

Mr. Churchill: "A nominee is a person nominated by someone." Sir Stafford: "I would guarantee that 99 out of 100 who read this passage believed that Mr. Churchill was accusing us of making political nominees. It is clear that that was his intention. I am glad now to have his disclaimer."

(The Working Parties comprise representatives of employers, employees and experts, with an independent chairman appointed by the Government).—Reuter.

SIMPLEST THING

London, Dec. 6. Debate revolved around the policies and responsibilities of the Labour Government in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Stafford Cripps, replying for Government to its critics, asserted: "It is the simplest thing in the world to suggest to people who have passed through six years of war and suffering that there are lots of good things easily available were it not for the wickedness of the Government."

Another Government supporter, replying to Oliver Lyttelton's criticisms of Government policies, argued that Prime Minister Attlee's regime had been in power only four months, and contended it was fair to "conditions created by six years of war and also to conditions created by many years of neglect." He said the criticism reflected on previous administrations, not on the present one.

INEXCUSABLE

Cripps assailed what he called "irresponsible advocacy of a policy of plenty at home when in fact there is a world-wide shortage of every kind of commodity" and declared it was inexcusable "from responsible persons who ought to know the situation only too well to-day."

Defending the plan which Winston Churchill recently called "strength through misery," Cripps told the House that during the transitional period when industry was trying to come back to full production, Britain must do its utmost to resume her export trade "even though this may mean keeping our home markets to some extent depleted."—Associated Press.

AMERICANS FIRST

Washington, Dec. 5. No more Indian students will be transported to the United States on American Army transports until progress has been made in the repatriation of American soldiers, the State Department announced to-day.

The State Department's decision was reached at the request of the War Department, after complaints that Indian students were crowding American troops off vessels returning to the United States.—Reuter.

FROM WHITE TO RED

Shanghai, Dec. 5. Some 20,000 local Russian emigrants have sent a petition to the Soviet Ambassador in Chungking pleading loyalty to the Soviet Union and asking for the grant of Soviet citizenship, according to the local press.

The petition asks that the recent action of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow in granting Soviet citizenship to the 100,000 odd Russians in Manchuria be extended to the Russians in Shanghai.—Reuter.

Hose Pipes Stop Protests

London, Dec. 6. Hose pipes were turned on enemy aliens at Brixton Prison when some of the prisoners, protesting against delay at being sent home, banged doors, barricaded themselves in their cells and went on a hunger strike for two days. A Home Office official said that the men demonstrated against the delay in getting ships to take them to Germany, but that all was now quiet.

Three-Day Holiday For Christmas

LONDON, DEC. 6. A THREE-DAY HOLIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS, PROBABLY THE LONGEST EVER RECOMMENDED FOR INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DECREED BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday, and it is recommended that the holiday should be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This would give a four-and-a-half-day break to those who have the preceding week-end.

The alternative recommendation is for New Year's Eve and January 1 and 2 presumably to give Scottish workers an equally long week-end.

Payment for these holidays will depend on arrangements made by employers and trade unions.

This is the last holiday recommendation which the Government will make under the wartime scheme.

Jap. Losses In Wewak Area

LONDON, DEC. 6. REPORTS BY THE JAPANESE COMMAND REVEAL THAT 94 PER CENT OF THE JAPANESE EIGHTEENTH ARMY WHICH LIEUTENANT GENERAL ADACHI LED INTO THE WEWAK AREA OF NEW GUINEA PERISHED OF WOUNDS OR DISEASE.

The Japanese force was originally 92,000 but was reinforced to upwards of 104,000. The remaining 11,000 men on Muschu Island are to be returned to Japan but many will never see their country again unless they are moved quickly, as the death-rate is still 40 a week.—Reuter.

Record Price For A Foal

Newmarket, Dec. 6. Miss Prior bought a colt foal by Hyperion out of Blanco at Newmarket Sales to-day for 7,200 guineas, which is a record price for a foal. Aly Khan was an underbidder for the foal.

Previous record was 5,000 guineas, given by the Aga Khan at the 1928 December Sales for Khorsed, who proved a disappointment on the race-course. The successful bidder, Miss Prior, is a Middlesex bloodstock export and compiler of several books on this subject.

Grand Master, a three-year-old colt by Stout Malice out of Honorarium, was sold for 12,000 guineas to J. J. Smith.—Reuter.

DEFENCE ENDS

Manila, Dec. 5. The chief defence counsel at the trial of Lieut.-General Yamashita here, Colonel Harry Clarke, ended his defence argument to-day with the concluding request for a verdict of not guilty.

Clarke requested that the Military Commission, after weighing evidence "on the scales of American justice will exemplify the concepts and standards of American democracy by returning a finding of not guilty on the charge against defendant of condoning the rape of Manila and other Japanese atrocities."—Associated Press.

OXFORD'S WIN

London, Dec. 6. Oxford University defeated Guy's Hospital by 47 points to 9 in a Rugby Union match yesterday.—Reuter.

Early Macao Days Described

AN INTERESTING TALK ON MACAO EARLY DAYS WAS GIVEN BY LIEUT. J. M. ALVES, H.K.V.D.C. AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Lieut. Alves said in part— At the beginning of the 16th century, Portuguese navigators turned their attention to the rich kingdom of Cathay and so far as is known the first to visit China arrived in the Delta of the Pearl River in 1514, when one Jorge Alvaron erected a stone commemorative pillar on Lin Tin Island north-east of Macao. Two years later the Portuguese visited Canton but owing to a misunderstanding arising from mutual mistrust the City of Rams did not prove to be a good business venture.

Undaunted they came every summer and set up fairs in different islands in the Delta. These fairs were accompanied in many cases of a temporary nature and lasted from two weeks to two months depending on the warmth of the reception accorded them. Incidentally in 1564 the fair was held on St. John's Island where St. Francis Xavier had died two years earlier.

In the year 1557, the Portuguese helped to clear up a private struggle on the Peninsula in the Delta of the Pearl River. In recognition the Ming Emperor gave permission for the Portuguese to settle there and to hold their annual fairs there. This was Macao and the name Macao is a translation of the original Chinese name A-Ma-Ao.

BEYOND WILDEST DREAMS

The early settlers grew prosperous beyond their wildest dreams and governed themselves as best they could without help or hindrance either from the Viceroy at Goa or India or the King in Portugal. By 1585, Macao had arrived at such a state of prosperity that she was raised to the status of a city, ranking as the third city of the Kingdom and given the name "City of the Holy Name of God" in China.

At the same time an attempt was made to initiate an organized form of Government so that the Mother Country could more effectively tap the wealth of the new possession. The result was a curious form of Municipal government of a Senate of five comprising three Aldermen, elected by the people and two legal advisers appointed by the Crown. There was no Governor but the Captaincy of the City devolved on the Captain of the annual Japanese voyage so long as the ship was in port.

The life blood of Macao's existence was trade. Conditions were abnormal, giving rise to excessive profits. Macao was the trading post of the Far East. She had several markets, first and foremost, Japan, Manila, Timor, and Macassar and also Indo-China and Siam.

TRADE MONOPOLY

The Japanese market was far the most profitable. A state of intermittent hostilities existed between China and Japan and Japanese pirates were continually plundering the coast ports of China. In retaliation the Ming Emperors prohibited all intercourse between these two countries. This gave the Portuguese traders a golden opportunity, which they quickly seized and very soon in spite of a certain amount of opposition from the Dutch they succeeded in obtaining complete monopoly of the trade between China and Japan. The profits derived from this trade were enormous and was the mainstay of Macao's prosperity for half a century.

The behaviour of some Portuguese during their stay in Japan resulted in the final expulsion of the Portuguese from Japan in 1639 and the termination of this lucrative trade. This was a blow from which Macao never recovered.

Continuing, the speaker dwelt on the important part Macao had played as the training ground for Catholic Missions in China and spoke of the work done there by the Jesuits and members of the other Orders which made Macao their headquarters.

The speaker also gave a short account of the brilliant victory of the Portuguese citizens over the Dutch which attempted to invade Macao on June 26, 1622.

This battle he said had a certain academic interest in that it was the only battle ever fought between Europeans on Chinese soil, except perhaps the siege of Tientsin in 1914 when a contingent of British served alongside the Japanese in taking the German fortresses.

THE DEATHBLOW

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LONDON, DEC. 6. DEMOBILISATION IS A SUBJECT ON WHICH CAMBRIDGE HAS VERY STRONG VIEWS. PEOPLE OF ALL PARTIES WERE PLEASED THAT THEIR NEW LABOUR MEMBER CHOSE IT FOR HIS MAIDEN SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Major Leslie Symonds hurried home from the Middle East to fight the Election, and he quoted from his own experience out there in support of his argument that there should be greater speed in the combing out of Service personnel.

"When I was in the Army," he said, "I had three clerks to deal with my correspondence. Now as a full-time clerk myself and a part-time legislator, I have no clerk at all, but my correspondence is far greater in volume than it was then. My successor in my Army job, whoever he is and wherever he is, still has those three clerks. I am quite sure, because there are three on the War Establishment."

THE NEEDLES EYE
The member, who is bald, added that by Service methods it was almost impossible to change the War Establishment. "It is easier," he remarked, "to make a camel pass through the eye of a needle or for myself to find a hair restorer that will work."

Very many still serving will echo his desire that the Government should take the country into its confidence and that Ministers should give weekly wireless talks to explain the problems of demobilisation.

DIGGING UP PLUTO

"Pluto" the pipeline system by which millions of gallons of petrol were pumped across the Channel for the Allied Forces, is being dug up in Kent.

Service men are removing storage tanks from their hiding places in hushes and other buildings.

How the tanks were installed is still a mystery. Some local inhabitants think they were installed at night.

It has been necessary, in some cases, to demolish buildings in order to extricate them.

DAUGHTER FLEW TO TRAITOR'S TRIAL

Paris, Dec. 6. Robert de Beauvoir, 63-years-old journalist, was sentenced to death for broadcasting for the Germans during the occupation. His pretty daughter, Madame Dorizon, who is an ardent supporter of General de Gaulle, flew from Britain to give evidence at the trial.

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BACK TO BRIGANDAGE Italy's Dick Turpin Gang In Naples Area Friendly Relations With Victims

ROME, DEC. 6. IN THE MATTER OF BRIGANDAGE ITALY HAS TEMPORARILY GONE BACK TO THE FIRST HALF OF THE LAST CENTURY. WHEN COACHES TRAVELLING TO ROME FROM NAPLES OR CIVITAVECCHIA WERE LIABLE TO BE STOPPED AND PASSENGERS STRIPPED OR HELD TO RANSOM. THE POLICE, NOW BETTER ORGANISED AND EQUIPPED THAN THEY WERE SOME MONTHS AGO, ARE GRADUALLY MAKING HEADWAY AGAINST ARMED GANGS WHICH INFEST LONELY ROADS. BUT IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY BANDITRY HAS BECOME A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND HIGHLY PROFITABLE PROFESSION.

A few months ago a certain Giuseppe Lamarea made news by carrying off a wealthy miller in the Naples area and holding him to ransom for 10,000,000, equivalent to £25,000. The miller was eventually released on the payment of 5,000,000, on account. The balance is still outstanding. An inquiry recently conducted into Lamarea's activities by the Roman newspaper *Tempo* provides interesting information.

POLITELY TREATED

His beat lies among prosperous villages on the slopes of Vesuvius, and his game are the wealthy farmers and small industrialists of those parts.

He maintains a band of 200 well-armed men, thoroughly disciplined and organised in separate gangs, each under its own leader, and he is served by a large number of subsidised informers, who let him know about suitable clients. These, when kidnapped, are well looked after and politely treated.

Lamarea is evidently well in the tradition of Dick Turpin. Gentleman Joe and other heroes of fact or fiction. His victims are brought before a tribunal consisting of Lamarea and his gang leaders and are informed of the ransom at which they have been assessed. If they protest they are confronted with facts about their private expenditure and are asked to justify their refusal to pay.

If they are able to convince Lamarea that they are really hard up they are allowed to depart in peace.

TOPE TO RETIRE

Tempo gives a list of three other persons, besides the above-mentioned miller, from whom he has extracted sums of more than 1,000,000, with a number of smaller fry.

Lamarea has not so far got a single charge of bloodshed against him except homicides arising from a quarrel—for which he was sent to gaol two years ago. His present career began from the time he broke prison.

He apparently succeeds in maintaining the friendliest relations with his victims. One, from whom he had extracted 2,000,000, was a single charge of bloodshed against him except homicides arising from a quarrel—for which he was sent to gaol two years ago. His present career began from the time he broke prison.

invited the whole band to his home on payment of the ransom, and he carried off his best wine to celebrate the occasion.

SUEZ CANAL RECEIPTS

Paris, Dec. 6. Suez Canal receipts in November totalled 2,041,000 compared with £791,000 in 1938. It was announced here to-day. Number of ships using the Canal in November was 391, compared with 194.—Reuter.

Atlantic Wall Coup Reconstructed

LONDON, DEC. 6. IN THE KINGSTON BATHS, SURREY, WHERE THE ORIGINAL EXPERIMENTS WERE MADE, A FEW MEMBERS FROM THE ADMIRALTY EXPERIMENTAL DIVING UNIT, THE LANDING CRAFT OBSTRUCTION CLEARANCE UNIT AND MIDGET SUBMARINE CREWS SHOWED YESTERDAY HOW A SPECIALLY TRAINED FORCE COULD PASSAGE THROUGH THE DENSE UNDER-WATER OBSTACLES FORMING PART OF THE "ATLANTIC WALL" TO ENABLE THE ALLIED ARMIES TO BEGIN THEIR LANDING IN NORMANDY ON D DAY LAST YEAR.

For this feat, described as one of the most hazardous of the war, 10 units (four Royal Navy and six Royal Marines), comprising 120 officers and men arrived off the Normandy coast several hours before dawn.

They transferred to a small assault craft seven miles from the shore.

Then, wearing their rubber suits, helmets fitted with glass air canisters of oxygen to enable them to keep submerged for 80 minutes, and large fins attached to their feet, they paddled their rubber dinghies to the point where they dived for their under-water reconnaissance.

They found steel barricades with a frontal area of 10ft. by 10ft., metal pyramids 5ft. high, steel "hedgehogs" shaped like six-pointed stars, stumps of piles, wooden ramps with mines attached, for tramping tanks, posts 8ft. to 12ft. high with mines on top, and a "nutcracker" system of mines attached to an upright.

Most of them were fitted with mines or 75mm. shells converted into mines.

GOOD WORK

By nightfall the party, most of the time under enemy mortar fire, had cleared 2,400 obstacles over a strip of beach 1,000 yards long and 400 yards deep demonstration wooden posts erected at the deeper end of the bath to represent some of the barriers.

From the other end a small party of the "Frogmen" paddled out in a rubber dinghy, and, after

INDIAN TROOPS IN MARCH PAST

Baghdad, Dec. 6. An Indian contingent took part in a march past here to-day after tokens of friendship had been exchanged between the British and Iraqi armies.

Ten-year-old King Faisal took the salute as Indian and Iraqi troops, an R.A.F. contingent and Arab Legion detachments filed by. A banner inscribed in English and Arabic "to the sea, air and land forces of the British Empire in Iraq, in memory of their friendship and cooperation," was presented to the British troops by the Iraqi army.—Reuter.

U.S. LOAN TO FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 6. M. Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador, expressed the deep appreciation of the French people for the United States loan, which he said would primarily be used for buying raw materials in the U.S., which France urgently needs. The French purchasing mission is reported to have bought 41,000 bales of U.S. cotton against a recent enquiry for 160,000 bales. The mission is continuing to accept bids until full requirements are satisfied.—Reuter.

Laundry Ladies Lost

LONDON, DEC. 6. TWO THOUSAND WOMEN LAUNDRY WORKERS HAVE GOT LOST.

They are the girls who volunteered to leave the Services under the Class "B" demobilisation scheme to return to their peacetime job of doing Britain's washing.

It was on September 29 that it was announced they would be released immediately. But to-day Mr. D. K. Rolitt, secretary of the Institution of British Launderers, said: "I do not know of a laundry that has had one of them. Something will have to be done to get them dogged more quickly."

But although the women have not arrived from the Services, extra workers have reached some laundries. These are the women whose munitions jobs have come to an end.

The result is that the laundry does not take so long in most districts, although North London is the exception.

HITLER PICTURE SALE BANNED

LONDON, DEC. 6. THIRTY-FOUR PICTURES OF HITLER, SOME IN SILVER FRAMES, WILL NOT BE SOLD WITH THE CONVENTS OF THE FORMER GERMAN EMBASSY IN LONDON.

The Ministry of Works decided this to-day in view of the unfavourable public attitude to the sale for \$500 of a Hitler bust last week.

Buyer of the bust was said to be a sympathiser with the Hitler worship organisation called the League of Christian Reform, whose activities, it was said in the House of Commons yesterday, are to be watched.

Bidders to-day cheered the ban on sale of the pictures and booted an offer of an empty Hitler frame.—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION OF SARAWAK

London, Dec. 6. Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday about the Rajah of Sarawak, Mr. George Hall, Secretary for Colonies, said Government regarded the Rajah as the representative of Sarawak and was hoping to arrive at an agreement with him regarding the constitutional position of Sarawak.—Reuter.

NEW TELE-RATES

Bermuda, Dec. 6. The Anglo-United States telecommunications conference ended yesterday with virtual 100 per cent agreement on a new rate structure for telegram between the British Commonwealth and the United States.—Reuter.

Gramophone Firm's Secret Weapons

LONDON, DEC. 6. BEFORE THE WAR THE £8,000,000 ELECTRICAL AND MUSICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. WERE ONE OF THE BIGGEST MANUFACTURERS IN THE RADIO AND GRAMOPHONE WORLD. THEY MADE H.M.V. AND COLUMBIA RADIOS AND RECORDS. WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT, THE THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WERE SWITCHED OVER TO WAR-TIME PRODUCTION AT THE GIANT FACTORY BESIDE THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, AT HAYES, MIDDLESEX, AND IN SUBSIDIARY FACTORIES AND RESEARCH STATIONS.

Throughout the war, scientists with the firm were engaged on making some of Britain's "secret weapons," and some of these were described by the chairman, Mr. Alfred Clark, in his annual statement, yesterday.

Here are some of the devices which Mr. Clark disclosed, were made by the firm:

AI—An air interception device which gave pilots an indication of the whereabouts of enemy aircraft and played a vital part in defeating enemy night bombers over Britain.

FP1—Used in ships at sea to give warning in chart form of other ships, ground masses or obstructions. FP1 helped to sink "Scharnhorst."

Anti Submarine Radar—Used to win the Battle of the Atlantic. FP2—Which showed Bomber Command pilots maps of the ground below for blind bombing.

It was also used against submarines and for close air support to ground troops.

Infra Red Apparatus—Enabled tanks to be driven in darkness, and midge submarines to sink "Tirpitz."

Monica—Installed in bomber aircraft, gave audible warning of the approach of enemy fighters.

Low Level Altimeter—Used for night or fog landings and against the Italian Fleet. It also played a vital part in the bombing of Germany's big dams.

Proximity Fuse—The latest war secret released. Three members of the research department of the firm were killed at Malvern, Worcestershire, in 1942, during the experiments which produced H28, revealed Mr. Clark, who also stated that the factory was hit by a flying bomb last year, when thirty-seven workers were killed.

NOTICE

Subject:—Claims for goods and services supplied to the Army in 1941 and 1942 before the return of the British.

1. A notice was published in the press on the 24th September, 1945 instructing all persons who have monetary claims on the 7. D. to submit these to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Victoria Barracks by the 30th November, 1945. All these claims should now have been submitted and those individuals with claims yet to be submitted should forward these at the earliest possible date.

The public is reminded that it is particularly important to make claims in Hong Kong dollars, to claim a specific amount, and to forward copies of all documents that support the claim. It is useless to make a claim without substantiating a specific sum. This sum will have to be estimated in some cases, when the method of calculation should be clearly shown.

2. The work of checking and registering these claims started on the 1st December. All claimants will be in due course receiving letters requesting further information or evidence or notification that the claim has been checked.

3. The question of payment is temporarily in abeyance and awaits a Government decision. As soon as this matter is decided the public will be informed through the medium of the press.

J. H. GIBSON, Lt. Col.

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Hong Kong.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

PROCLAMATION NO. 16

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (DELEGATION).

WHEREAS by Proclamation No. 1 I assumed for myself and my successors full judicial legislative executive and administrative powers and responsibilities and exclusive jurisdiction over all persons and property throughout the Colony of Hong Kong

AND WHEREAS by Proclamations 2, 3 and 4 I made further provision for the administration of the Colony and for the delegation of certain of my powers

AND WHEREAS I consider that the delegation hereinafter contained will assist the carrying into effect of the intention of His Britannic Majesty's Government to restore Civil Government at the earliest possible date compatible with the necessity of providing adequate and suitable personnel for the functioning of Civil Government and with the maintenance of law and order in the Colony

NOW THEREFORE, I, OECIL HALLIDAY JEPSON HARCOURT, C.B., C.B.E., Rear Admiral in His Britannic Majesty's Fleet and Commander-in-Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM as follows:—

ARTICLE 1

DELEGATION TO CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Subject always to any orders and directions which I or the Senior Officer from time to time in command of His Britannic Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong may issue I hereby delegate to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer all the powers responsibilities and jurisdiction assumed by me under Proclamation No. 1 aforesaid and I authorise him to delegate the same or any part thereof to any person he may think fit and to authorise further delegation.

ARTICLE 2

Proclamation 3 and Proclamation 4 except Articles 7 and 9 thereof are hereby repealed but without prejudice to anything lawfully enacted or done thereunder.

GIVEN under my hand at HONG KONG this 4th day of December, 1945.

OECIL HARCOURT,

Commander-in-Chief,

Hong Kong Forces.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of all Members will be held on Friday, 14th Dec. 1945 at 6.15 p.m. in the Hall of St. Paul College, Gloucester.

1. To receive the Report of the 1944 Committee.
2. To consider the Election of new Officers.

By Order of the Committee,
JOHN PAUL

Acty. Hon. Secretary

6th December, 1945.

NOTICE

We have re-opened our office on the 2nd Floor, Alexandra Building.

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All local and visiting brethren
on the register are invited to a
masonic meeting on Monday,
10th December, at 5 for 5.30 p.m.

THE HONGKONG PRINTING
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An extraordinary general meeting
of the above Company will be held
at the Company's registered office,
Room No. 211, Prince's Building, 2nd
floor, Ice House Street, Hong Kong
at 12 O'Clock a.m. on Friday the 28th
day of December 1945 for the purpose
of considering and possibly passing
a special resolution for the sale of the
assets of the Company and for its
winding up.

A formal notice has been posted
to all shareholders at their registered
addresses. Any shareholder who
wishes for further particulars should
call at the Company's registered
office.

Dated the 3rd day of December 1945.
By order of the Board of Directors.
E. M. D'ALCANTARA KAVIER
Secretary.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Will the Graduate or Under-
graduate of St. John's University,
Shanghai who is at present in
Hongkong, send in his name and
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EXHIBITION FOOTBALL
MATCH

ROYAL NAVY versus ARMY
SUNDAY

9th December, 1945
at Sookumpoo Ground
Kick off 3.30 P.M.
Admission \$1 (including tax)

EXHIBITION
FOOTBALL MATCH

In aid of Kwong Wah Athletic
Association financial campaign to
wards of helping the team and now
Club House at 471, Nathan Road
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BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs

NOTICE

The Commander in Chief has
been pleased to appoint Mr.
HAU SUN NIN, C.B.E., to
act as representative in Kowloon
of the Secretary for Chinese
Affairs, Civil Affairs Administration.

Mr. CHAU'S office is in the
Peninsula Hotel, Room No. 197;
his office hours will be 10.00 a.m.
to 1.00 p.m.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG

FINANCE BRANCH

PRE-OCCUPATION CLAIMS
AGAINST COLONIAL
GOVERNMENT

The Holders of cheques issued
by the Colonial Government
during December 1941 but which
were not cashed before the
Japanese occupation may now
forward them to the S.O. 11
Finance, Prince's Building, 1st
Floor, Vaux Road, for examination.
Provided that they are found to
be in order fresh cheques will be
issued to replace them.

C. G. S. FOLLOWS,
Chief Financial Adviser,
(Civil Affairs).

Hong Kong,
6th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG.

MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the
collection and removal of animal
blood and hair from

1. Kennedy Town Slaughter House
2. Ma Tau Kok Slaughter House
3. Sai Wan Ho Slaughter House including slaughter-rings
4. Aberdeen Slaughter House for food.

Sealed tenders for each
slaughter house should be sub-
mitted in triplicate to the
Chairman, Tender Board, Public
Works Branch, Civil Affairs
Headquarters, by 12 noon of 22nd
day of December, 1945.

Tender forms and particulars
may be obtained from the Sec-
retary, Medical Branch, Hong Kong
& Shanghai Bank Building, 1st
floor.

J. P. FEHLY,
Col.
D. D. M. S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong,
4th December, 1945.

General Marshall To
Leave For China Soon

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6.
GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL WILL NOT LEAVE FOR
CHINA TO CARRY OUT HIS SPECIAL MISSION FOR
PRESIDENT TRUMAN UNTIL HE HAS GIVEN EVID-
ENCE BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE IN-
VESTIGATING PEARL HARBOR. SAID THE UNITED
STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. JAMES
BYRNES, TO A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.
GENERAL MARSHALL HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO TEST-
IFY TO-MORROW AND WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA
AS SOON AS HIS EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

Major General Patrick J. Hurley, who recently testified
as United States Ambassador to
China, told the Foreign Re-
lations Committee of the Sen-
ate in Washington today that
he had ignored the instructions
from the State Department in
order to bring about the Russo-
Chinese treaty.

The General also disclosed that
he intended to supply the Com-
munist forces with arms and
ammunition and to advise the
Chinese Communists and accused
two United States Foreign Service
officials, formerly in Chungking,
of trying to undermine his position.

The two officials, John S. Ser-
vice, and George Atcheson, have
since been appointed Political
Advisers to General Douglas Mac-
Arthur, Supreme Allied Command-
er in Japan.

General Hurley alleged that in
October, 1944, Mr. Service, a
career diplomat, who was assigned
work with General Joseph Stilwell
in China, sent the State Depart-
ment a general statement on how
to let Marshall Chiang Kai-shek
fall.

ATCHESON'S POSITION
He complained that Mr. Atcheson
had consistently sought to
undermine his position by advocat-
ing a hand-off to the Chinese Com-
munist forces. He said that when
Atcheson and Mr. Service were
recalled to Washington in response
to his protest last Spring, Mr.
Atcheson was placed in a position
where he made him General
Hurley's supervisor.

Later, he said that after his
conversations with British Prime
Minister Churchill and Foreign
Secretary Eden and with Soviet
officials in Moscow, he sought to
mediate between Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek's Government
and Moscow. He was cautioned
by the State Department "not to
mediate or advise but to make
suggestions." This instruction was
contained in a telegram signed by
Mr. Edward Stettinius, then United
States Secretary of State.

GENERAL HURLEY said that he
ignored it because he considered
it the reversal of what he under-
stood to be his instructions on the
unification of China and therefore
in error.

He said that in his opinion,
Russia was in full agreement with
American policy towards China
and he expressed the belief that
Russia was adhering to the terms
of the Russo-Chinese treaty of
last August.

He denied that he had usurped
the functions of the Government
in Washington by evolving a per-
sonal policy in China. He said
that in recent conversations with
the Chinese Communist leaders in
Yenan, he had tried to persuade
them with some hope of success
that the United States desired a

REPATRIATION NOTICE
No. 45.

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wanted to stand by in readi-
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10th December (Monday).

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time for embarkation will be
published when they are known.

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Rev. G. A. Lopez
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Pte. Hor Ah Lam
Miss Young Mimi
Pte. Cheah Phse Chuan

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Mrs. K. N. Karanj & child
Mr. M. F. Din

REPATRIATION OFFICE.

Hong Kong,
6th December, 1945.

"Snob" Appeal
Of White Bread

LONDON, DEC. 6.
BREAD, WHICH PLAYS A
VERY LARGE PART IN THE
DIET OF ALL SOCIAL
CLASSES IN GREAT BRITAIN,
IS AND HAS BEEN FOR
NEARLY FOUR YEARS THE
SUBJECT OF A CONTROL
WHICH HAS THE DUAL
ADVANTAGE OF ECONOMIZ-
ING SHIPPING ON THE ONE
HAND AND AIDING NUTRI-
TION ON THE OTHER HAND.

Before the war the over-
whelming preference of the British
public was for white bread; a
preference which had its origin in the
"snob" appeal of white bread during
the 19th Century when "refined"
flour, being dearer than whole-
meal, was associated with social
affluence.

Production of this flour means
milling at a low extraction rate,
so that only about 70 per cent. of
the wheat berry goes into the
flour, and the parts which darken
its colour are excluded.

It happens that these parts con-
tain valuable nutrients of the
wheat berry in particular vitamin
B, nicotinic acid and iron.

During the war, in order to
reduce wheat imports and get the
best possible nutritional value
from the limited supplies avail-
able, it became imperative to use
a larger percentage of the whole
wheat berry in the manufacture of
bread.

OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY
In 1941, the National Wheat-
meal Loan, not unlike the admir-
able wholemeal bread on which our
great-grandfathers grew up, be-
came available to the public as
the alternative to the white loaf.
A year later a minimum extrac-
tion of 85 per cent. in all milling
was made compulsory and white
bread disappeared. This meant an
extra 100 tons of flour was got from
every 100 tons of wheat, 600,000
tons of shipping were released
yearly for other purposes, and the
public got first-rate food value
from one of the biggest items in
its diet.

Research carried out by the
Cereal Research Station of the
Ministry of Food in this connec-
tion will have far-reaching effects
on practical milling procedure in
future. One outstanding discovery
already obtained is that vitamin
B, formerly thought to be associ-
ated with the germ of the wheat as
a whole, is now known to be highly
concentrated in part of the germ,
and that this particular fraction
of the wheat can be segregated
during milling so as to make sure
most of it passes into flour.—Lon-
don Press Service.

Inter-Unit
Soccer

Though the Air Formation
Signals were beaten by four goals
to one by Royal Observatory in the
first round of the Inter-Unit Chal-
lenge Cup Competition on the
Diocesan Boys' School ground yester-
day they gave a creditable performance.

The game was played at a fast
rate and was cleanly contested
throughout. The Signals were best
served by their right back and
centre-forward and outside-right.
Prominent for the winners were
Saunders and Bird on the right
wing and Rowe in the intermediate
line.

Royal Observatory led at the
interval by the only goal, scored
by Skolnick, and early in the
second half Bird increased the
lead through a penalty. Saund-
erson later scored twice.
Signals scored late in the game.

427 JEWS ARRESTED

Jerusalem, Dec. 6.
Four hundred and twenty-seven
Jewish illegal immigrants have
been arrested since the conclusion
of the European hostilities, it was
disclosed today by the Chief
Secretary of the Palestine Govern-
ment. 407 of them have been re-
leased while fifteen have been
deported at their own request.
—Reuter.

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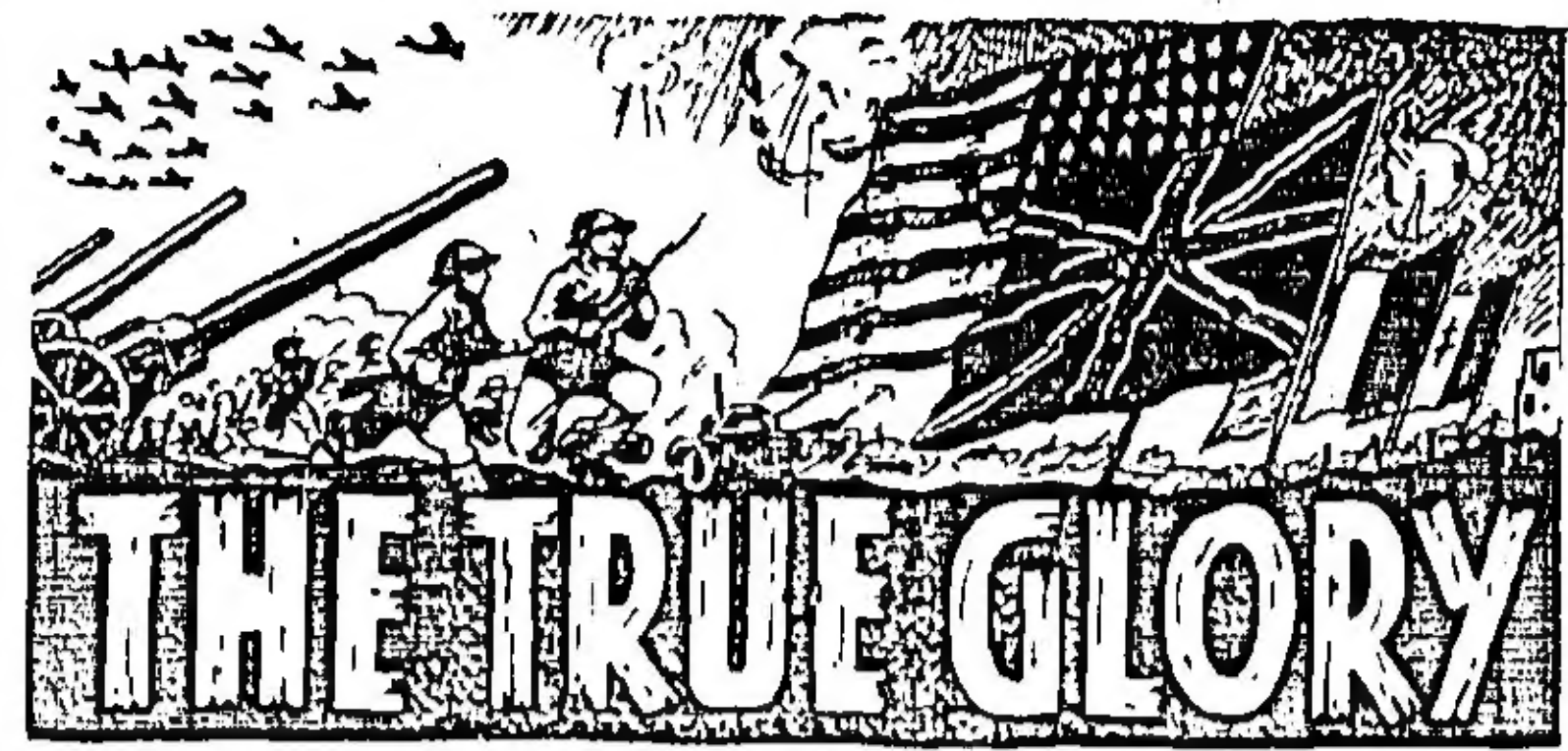
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